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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the written restriction requirement mailed March 27, 2009, applicants hereby elect Group I (*i.e.*, claims 1–3), drawn to methods for measuring the growth potential of a soil microorganism, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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